

THE WEATHER:

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; tomorrow fair, cooler. Temperature at 8 a. m., 67 degrees. Normal temperature for Sept. 20 for last thirty years 67 degrees.

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ESCAPED CONVICT CONFESSES TO THE KILLING OF EVA ROY

WOMAN KEEPS BARON'S BODY FOR 7 DAYS; IS ARRESTED

After locking the body of Baron Eugene de Kappentack in a room for seven days and refusing to permit its removal, Miss Mary E. Case, twenty-five years old, of 1726 Willard street northwest, was arrested today by Capt. Robert E. Doyle, of the Eighth precinct, charged with violation of section 877 of the D. C. code, which provides that no person shall be held unburied for more than seven days after death, without the permission of the Health Officer.

Miss Case was removed to the Washington Asylum for observation. Called Russian Count. Baron de Kappentack is said by Miss Case to be a Russian count. He died of Bright's disease last Friday morning at the Willard street address. Miss Case took possession of the body and took steps to have it preserved. She notified the Russian embassy of the death, and asked that it take charge of the body. She could not produce sufficient evidence to prove that he was a baron or a former Russian official, and the embassy refused to take action.

For the last week she has kept the body in the third story front room of the house, with the door locked. She refused to remove the body or to permit its removal when requested by the Health Department.

She Resists Arrest. District Health Officer Fowler, accompanied by Captain Doyle, visited the house several days ago. Miss Case was out, and the door to the room where the body was kept was locked, and they were unable to view it. At that time Dr. Fowler had no legal right to demand the removal of the body. This morning Dr. Fowler issued a warrant for the arrest of Miss Case, Captain Doyle and Charles C. Staub, a Health Officer inspector, went to the house, met her in the hall and read the warrant.

"You can't arrest me," she said. "I won't leave the house. You will have to force me."

"I have been ordered to arrest you and I shall take you into custody," said Captain Doyle.

She then demanded that Captain Doyle let her call up the Health Officer and Police Headquarters. This he allowed her to do. She obtained an unsatisfactory answer over the telephone, and, turning to Captain Doyle, said: "If you arrest me I will get my brother to shoot you, and if he doesn't, I will. I am through with the baron. You can take his body, but you shall not arrest me."

Captain Doyle then tried to persuade her to submit to arrest, which she refused to do this, and Captain (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

PALMER REPLIES TO SENATE RESOLUTION

Sends Documents Bearing On Purchase of The Times By Arthur Brisbane.

In response to a letter of inquiry from Senator King of Utah and the Senate resolution of inquiry introduced by Senator Jones of Washington, A. Mitchell Palmer yesterday issued a statement in support of the charges which he made in a political speech delivered in Harrisburg, Pa., last Saturday with reference to the interest of the brewers in the purchase of the Washington newspaper. The Washington Times.

Mr. Brisbane in an editorial in The Times and in a page advertisement printed in Thursday's Washington Post, has stated that the money to make the first payment in the purchase of The Times from Mr. Munsey and enough additional to put The Times on a paying basis—a total of \$375,000—was borrowed through a friend, C. W. Feigenbaum, president of the Federal Trust Company of New York, N. Y., a brewer. Mr. Palmer's statement gives the names of the men who made up the fund which totals \$375,000 and provided for \$125,000 more, if necessary. Their names and amounts are:

Names of Contributors. George Khrer, \$50,000; C. Feigenbaum, \$25,000; Julius Liebmans, \$25,000; J. O. G. Hupfel, \$7,500; Jacob Ruppert, \$50,000; Joseph E. Hillier, \$50,000; Edward Landberg, \$15,000; Reuter & Co., \$15,000; A. J. Roughton Company, \$15,000; William Hamm, \$10,000; G. Pabst, \$50,000; Fred Miller Brewing Company, \$15,000 (this sum was allotted among five individuals at \$3,000 each); C. Schmidt & Sons, \$5,000; P. A. Poth & Son, \$15,000; Berner & Engel, \$10,000; United States Brewers' Association, \$30,000; and the United States Brewers' Association, adv., \$25,000; a total of \$407,500.

Mr. Palmer adds a letter from Mr. Feigenbaum to Mr. Brisbane detailing the nature of this transaction, a letter already published in Mr. Brisbane's advertisement in yesterday's Washington Post and which reads as follows:

"I write this note to define a business arrangement existing between us. I and a number of my friends, (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

The great Hog Island shipyard at Philadelphia will do well to accomplish half the program of ship construction set for this year. Charles Fies, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, told the Senate committee today.

"The Hog Island yard expected to turn out forty-eight ships. It will do well to turn out twenty," he said. Fies's statement was made in connection with inquiries by committee members concerning charges that thousands of draft evaders have been given jobs at Hog Island.

"Fies gave the committee informally all the facts he has on the situation. He said it will be corrected by the Fleet Corporation and the draft authority. The committee therefore dropped its plans to investigate formally."

Despite an appeal from Secretary McAdoo, who personally appeared before them, that both he and the President regarded its adoption of the utmost importance, the Senate and House conferees failed to reach an agreement today on that provision of the McAdoo Liberty bond bill which empowers the President to investigate, regulate or prohibit any transactions in bonds of the United States.

The Senate struck the provision from the bill after the House passed it unanimously, following a declaration by Chairman Kitchin, of the Ways and Means Committee, that it was intended to enable the Government to reach syndicates alleged to be engaged in a conspiracy to traffic in Liberty bonds.

Kitchin told the House that these syndicates were plotting to first acquire Liberty bonds from small bondholders by depreciating their value and afterward forcing up the interest on them.

Another meeting of the conferees will be held later in the day, at which it is hoped that they will come to an agreement.

all of whom I am authorized to represent, have for years felt very strongly that the public welfare and our own industry—because of your well-known convictions—would be benefited by your personal ownership of a newspaper.

Half Million Capital. We agreed to supply you with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the purchase and establishment of a newspaper by you. We have, at this time, supplied two hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000), and we shall, as soon as possible, supply the balance—namely, two hundred and five thousand dollars (\$205,000), although I do not enter into any legal obligations to do so, on behalf of myself or other. The understanding of myself and my friends with you, of which understanding this is a memorandum, is as follows:

The money which we gladly contribute to your enterprise, is to be disposed of, absolutely at your discretion, for the purchase, maintenance, and establishment of a daily newspaper. It is understood that, after a period of five years, you will repay to me and my associates, at your discretion and convenience, on account of the principal, so much of the profits as may be derived from such newspaper as may, in your judgment, be taken out of the business without interfering with its proper operation and development; and that you shall be under no liability whatsoever for repayment of the sums contributed other than out of such profits. It is understood that no interest shall be paid upon this money, our claim to be satisfied in full upon the repayment of the principal without interest.

Repay at Any Time. You may, of course, repay part or all of the principal at any time and in any manner that you may choose, and our agreement with you shall not be considered as giving me or my associates any interest whatsoever in said enterprise. Should you sell the (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

In an effort to save the life of Prof. Emory M. Wilson, principal of the Central High School, more than one-half pint of blood was yesterday transfused into his veins. For several weeks, Prof. Wilson has been a patient at Emergency Hospital, suffering from nervous breakdown of malignant character, and recently his condition has been considered precarious. His attending physician, Dr. Charles Stanley White, this week decided on the transfusion. Difficulty arose as to where a quantity of needed normal blood could be obtained.

Dr. Lester Neuman, pathologist at the hospital, found a man of vigorous health who volunteered to sacrifice as much blood as was needed. The transfusion followed. It was reported today at the hospital that Prof. Wilson was doing nicely.

It is likely that what is necessary to transfuse additional blood into the veins of Mr. Wilson in a few days. It was said at the hospital this morning that Dr. J. Ward Mann, shot and killed himself here today. The transfusion followed. It was reported today at the hospital that Prof. Wilson was doing nicely.

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Before sending the bullet through his brain, Mann shot his dog, which, according to his landlady, had been his constant companion. The dog lay at his feet. Mann himself was sitting, fully dressed, in a chair. Tuberculosis was the cause given in one of his notes.

SCHOOL TERMS SHORTENED TO RELEASE PUPILS FOR WAR WORK

Intensive courses of study in high schools and sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of Washington educational institutions, so that the school year may be shortened and the students released for war work, were decided on today by E. L. Thurston, Superintendent of Schools.

"All intensive course students will be given a schedule involving long recitation periods coupled with supervised studies," said Mr. Thurston.

Dates Are Advanced. "Under this plan students who would normally graduate in February will complete their work in December, and students who would graduate next June will finish their school year in March."

Scholars who would normally complete their studies in February, 1920, will be through late in June, 1919.

Special enrollment. Students who intend to take the intensive course should prepare to enroll specially when school opens, Monday, said Superintendent Thurston.

Many students subject to draft are being permitted by school authorities to substitute in their general courses subjects of special value in military service, such as mathematics.

PRESIDENT WILL GREET LEGIONARIES

President Wilson today was to welcome the detachment of the Foreign Legion, one of France's most heroic fighting units. They are here to tour the country for the liberty loan campaign.

Recruited from many countries, including America, the French Legion has won every honor offered by the French government, and new decorations had to be established for them. The first detachment of fifty is to be followed by thirty who have been wounded in action. Allan Seeger, the American poet, was killed while fighting as a legionary.

TWO WOMEN FOUND STRANGELY KILLED

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Victim of Spanish Influenza



Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who with Commander Edie McCauley and Livingston Davis, members of his party, contracted the deadly disease while returning to America.

MOVE TO CHECK INFLUENZA IN D. C.

Dr. William C. Fowler, District Health Officer, will today investigate the first suspected cases of Spanish influenza in Washington. The patients are Lieut. Arthur Henne and his wife, of 3165 Eighteenth street northwest. The lieutenant became ill upon his return from New York last Monday. Mrs. Henne, who had also been in New York, became ill last Wednesday. Of the two cases Mrs. Henne's is the most severe.

As a result of the spread of the disease near Washington, Dr. Fowler today made an appeal to all doctors throughout the city to report all cases of acute grip which they suspect to be Spanish influenza to the District Health Office in the Municipal Building.

The majority of doctors in Washington admit they do not know the exact symptoms and characteristics of the so-called "Spanish influenza," and so it will be left to the District Health Office to investigate and isolate any cases that show symptoms of developing into the dread disease.

Spanish influenza is not on the list of diseases which doctors are required to report to the Health Office, but because of the way it has spread in other cities, Dr. Fowler wishes physicians to immediately report all suspected cases to him.

The case of Lieutenant Henne and his wife was reported to Dr. Fowler today. It is the first case that the Health Office will investigate, and if proven to be true influenza Dr. Fowler would report to him.

WOMAN FIGHTERS' ORGANIZER SLAIN

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Mme. Alexandra Bedeschkajewa, organizer of the Russian women's battalion of death, was executed at Vitebsk, September 12, for participation in a counter revolution, according to a Berlin wireless dispatch made public here today.

The dispatch declared the woman was shot.

MGR. IRELAND NEAR END

ST. PAUL, Sept. 20.—Archbishop Ireland is considerably weaker, according to word from his residence today. Physicians said there was grave doubt of his recovery.

BEN RUBIN DECLARES HE CHOKED GIRL TO DEATH NEAR FAIRFAX

Benjamin Rubin, twenty-one years old, of Chicago, a convict who escaped from the District reformatory, at Lorton, Va., on July 10, confessed this afternoon that he killed Eva Roy.

"She threatened to tell the authorities that I was an escaped sonnvict," he told Inspector of Detectives Clifford L. Grant, at Police Headquarters.

"I seized her by the hair to prevent her from reporting me. I let her go for a minute and she breathed and began to cough. She then said she would not tell on me."

"When able to talk she said, 'If you'll let me go I will not report you. I then started to back away. I got mad and afraid and again grabbed her, seizing her by the throat.'"

Rubin demonstrated to Inspector Grant how he squeezed the girl's throat in their death struggle.

"I choked her until she became unconscious and then dragged her into the woods and left her dead against a tree," he said.

"I became so excited that I do not know what I did after that."

Escaped on July 10. The girl, you bring it down here," I told her.

"I was in the woods" from 11 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock that night," he said.

"After leaving Tucker I went to Alexandria, where I slept on the grass. I went to the woods next morning to hide, and while there I saw this girl tending to the cows. I spoke to her and asked her what she would do if she knew I was an escaped convict."

"She said, 'I would report you.'"

"I told her, 'You wouldn't do that. It wouldn't do you any good.'"

"She said, 'Oh, yes, I would.'"

"I said, 'Would you be afraid to report me, because I'm a convict.'"

"To this the girl replied that she would."

"She then told me, 'Come up to my house and I'll give you a meal.'"

"If I did that," I told her, "you would report me sure."

"She said, 'Oh, no, I wouldn't.'"

"If you want to give me a meal, let (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

DIES AS FIANCEE AND PASTOR WAIT

YONKERS, N. Y., Sept. 20.—While his fiancée waited at his bedside with a marriage license and wedding ring, and a clergyman held himself ready to perform a wedding ceremony, George S. Abbott, of Charlestown, Mass., died in St. John's Riverside Hospital, from Spanish influenza, early today.

Abbott came here Sunday from Boston to keep a business appointment. He became ill. When told that he might not recover, Abbott asked the hospital authorities to send for his fiancée, Miss Sarah Cone, a graduate nurse of Waltham, Mass. Miss Cone hurried to the bedside of Abbott and decided to have the marriage ceremony performed immediately. She obtained the license and ring and arranged for the clergyman. But when all was in readiness, Abbott's condition became worse and he died.

AMERICAN GUN RAKING ENEMY AROUND METZ; YANKS GO ON

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Ten thousand Bulgarians were captured Wednesday on the Salonika front, the Echo de Paris stated today.

Desperate resistance is being made by the Germans on the Picardy battlefield and farther south, but in spite of this both the British and French have made more important gains during the past twenty-four hours in the great flanking movement against St. Quentin and Cambrai.

The British advanced a mile, taking Meuxmes, seven miles west of Cambrai, while slightly south of this zone they have fought their way back into the old defensive positions they held prior to the German drive last March. A fortified farm was taken by the Germans northwest of St. Quentin.

French Extend Gains. The French have captured Esignay la Grand, on the Chaunty-St. Quentin road, and have extended their gains north of the Aisne river.

Between the Aisne and Aisne rivers, where the French have been advancing steadily in their "pinchers movement" against the Chemin-des-Dames, the Germans delivered five counter assaults, but all of them were beaten off and the Germans were flung back, leaving the field covered with heaps of their dead and wounded.

On the Vesle river, where Americans are on the firing line, the Germans attempted to force their way across the stream of Jochery, but were hurled back.

There is strong patrol activity on the Meuse-Moselle front, where the Americans are driving in the direction of Metz.

German Lines Baked. American artillery is extremely busy in that sector, keeping the German lines of communication and Metz under a devastating fire.

On the Balkan front, where the allies are biting deep into the Bulgarian front in southern Serbia the advance now extends over twenty miles and the French and the Serbs are within nine miles of Priep. The Bulgarians were attacked over a front of about eighty miles, and were completely routed. The Bulgarian retreat was carried out in the mountains with the greatest disorder.

Two attacks were attempted by the Germans and Austrians against American positions west and southwest of Metz last night and today, but both were smashed by the vicious barrage of artillery fire put down by the Americans.

BULGARS' RETREAT BECOMES A ROUT

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The Bulgarian defeat in the Balkans is developing into a staggering rout according to advices from Saloniki today.

The allied line in southern Serbia is now only nine miles from Priep. Priep is thirty miles inside of the Serbian border.

(The total advance of the allied forces in Macedonia is now about twenty miles.)

MOEUVRES AGAIN IN ALLIED HANDS

LONDON, Sept. 20 (12:29 p. m.).—British troops again lunged forward on the front northwest of St. Quentin on Thursday, advancing one mile and recapturing the important town of Meuvres, the war office announced today.

The enemy losses in trying to stem the advance are staggering. (Meuvres is about seven miles west of Cambrai and was an outpost of the northern end of the Hindenburg line. The Germans have been fighting desperately there in an effort to hold up the British advance.) In the Ephe sector part of the war